

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A cap for a baby's beverage bottle, said cap comprising:

a passage through which beverage in the bottle may flow from the bottle,

a first flexible elastic portion deformable by the baby's mouth and surrounding said passage and through which passage a baby can suck beverage, ~~engageable with the mouth of a child adapted to consume the beverage that flows through said passage,~~

a second flexible elastic portion which clamping engages the beverage bottle to hold the cap on the bottle, said second portion being threadless,

~~said cap being made of an elastic material and said~~ second portion stretching and then relaxing to clamping engage the beverage bottle and to hold said cap on said bottle, and a pair of manually engageable pull ~~tab~~ tabs to pull said second portion onto said bottle and stretch ~~while~~ said second portion ~~stretches~~, said pull tab extending in a downward and outward direction with respect to said second portion.

Claim 2 (original): The cap according to claim 1 wherein said elastic material is selected from the group consisting of: rubber, latex and silicone.

Claim 3 (currently amended): The cap according to claim 1 wherein said first portion has an outer surface having a ~~raspberry effect~~ texture that simulates the surface texture of a human nipple.

Claim 4 (original): The cap according to claim 1 wherein said entire cap is made of said elastic material.

Claim 5 (original): The cap according to claim 1 wherein said second portion has a circumferential inner surface and a stop member extending perpendicularly from said inner surface, said stop member abutting a lip of the beverage bottle when said second portion is stretched over said beverage bottle.

Claim 6 (original): The cap according to claim 1 wherein said first portion includes a bulbous terminal end with an opening, a plurality of ribs and a frustum portion extending from said ribs.

Claim 7 (currently amended): The cap according to claim 1 wherein said first portion includes a terminal end with a tip having at least one aperture and a bellows located between said terminal end and a frustum portion.

Claim 8 (original): The cap according to claim 7 wherein said bellows is movable from an extended position and a retracted

position and permits relative movement between said terminal end portion and said frustum portion.

Claim 9 (original): The cap according to claim 7 wherein said tip includes a plurality of apertures.

Claim 10 (original): The cap according to claim 7 wherein said terminal end includes first and second tapering outer surfaces extending on opposite sides from each other, said first and second tapering surfaces being separated by curved surfaces so that said terminal end has an approximately oval cross section.

Claim 11 (new): The cap according to claim 1 wherein said pull tab has a smooth surface.

Claim 12 (new): The cap according to claim 1 wherein said second portion has a relatively thin cross section.

Claim 13 (new): The cap according to claim 1 wherein said first portion includes a bulbous terminal end with an opening, a plurality of ribs and a frustum portion extending from said ribs, said ribs providing an area for the lips of a user to engage.

Claim 14 (new): A cap for a baby's beverage bottle, said cap comprising:

a passage through which beverage in the bottle may flow from the bottle,

a first flexible elastic portion deformable by the baby's mouth surrounding said passage and through which passage a baby can suck beverage,

a second flexible passage portion which clamping engages the beverage bottle to hold the cap on the bottle, said second portion being threadless,

said second portion stretching and then relaxing to clamping engage the beverage bottle and to hold said cap on said bottle, and

said second portion having a circumferential inner surface and a stop member extending perpendicularly from said inner surface, said stop member abutting a lip of the beverage bottle when said second portion is stretched over said beverage bottle, and

a plurality of manually engageable pull tabs spaced circumferentially around said second portion to pull said second portion onto said bottle while said second portion stretches, each of said pull tabs extending in a downward and outward direction with respect to said second portion, each of said pull tabs having a smooth surface.